

**Today in Corps history:**  
**Oct. 10, 1968:** The 1st MarDiv and 1st MAW were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation in Da Nang, Vietnam.

*Source: Marine Corps History*

**FAST FACT**



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**Legends golfers gather to see who's the best of the best**

The Legends at Parris Island hosted its annual Club Championship Golf Tournament Saturday - Sunday.

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**Local News**

**LOCAL ZONTA CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Zonta Club of Beaufort is offering two scholarships for women. The Non-Traditional Education Award and the Gertrude P. Brown Working Woman's Award will be awarded in December after an application deadline of Nov. 15.

For details, contact Trish Dean at 986-2483.

**LOCAL MCL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS**

The local chapter of the Marine Corps League is hosting a membership drive social on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m., at Traditions.

The MCL is open to both active duty and honorably discharged Marines, as well as Navy Corpsmen who have served with a Fleet Marine Force unit.

**CASSIDY WEB CHARITY POKER RUN OCT. 18**

A poker run will be held Oct. 18 starting at 11 a.m. at the Bi-Lo parking lot to raise money for a 4-year-old, South Carolina girl who suffers from brain damage.

To participate, call Staff Sgt. Jason Edwards at 252-2987.

**YOUR CHANCE TO SAVE A LIFE IS COMING**

The American Red Cross Save a Life Tour is coming to Beaufort Plaza Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., as it journeys to collect three million pints of donated blood.

**On the Web**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON SAVANNAH HAPPENINGS**

Visit [www.savannah.com](http://www.savannah.com) for discounted tickets to attractions, lodging information, Savannah facts and more.

The Web site also features schedules of upcoming events, restaurant reviews and has information for first-time visitors as well as locals.

**Out in Town**

**BEAUFORT CELEBRATES WITH SHRIMP FESTIVAL**

The Ninth Annual Beaufort Shrimp Festival will be held this Saturday and Sunday at Beaufort's Waterfront Park.

The festival includes food, fun and entertainment celebrating the abundance of fresh, local, wild shrimp. A 5-K Run and Walk and 300 Meter Popcorn Shrimp Run will be held Saturday morning.

For more information, call 986-5400.

**LOCAL AQUARIUM HOSTING SHARKFEST**

Sharks are everywhere at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, S.C., during Sharkfest.

Learn more about sharks at various exhibits which feature some new shark and ray species. Special shark related programs will also be offered along with a dynamic, engaging art exhibition entitled JAWS: Just Art with Sharks.

For more information, call 720-1990.

**Weather**



**Friday**  
Scat. T-Storms  
Hi 80 Low 58  
**Saturday**  
Scat. T-Storms  
Hi 80 Low 59  
**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 81 Low 56

# THE BOOT



**"We Make Marines"**

## Domestic violence takes center stage

**CPL. ALISHA R. FITZGERALD**  
*STAFF WRITER*

Between 1997 and 2002, there were 7,922 substantiated cases of spousal abuse and 4,288 cases of child abuse reported in the Marine Corps, according to Marine Administrative Message 539/02.

During October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina Family Advocacy Program promotes domestic violence prevention through education.

Part of educating Depot personnel and their families is helping them to understand and recognize the detrimental impact domestic violence has on society and the Marine Corps. As part of the month-long campaign, the Tri-Command and MCCS-SC teamed up with the Citizens Opposed Against Domestic Violence to help sponsor the Fifth Annual Candlelight Vigil at the Beaufort Waterfront Park Monday.

The service afforded community and Tri-Command members the opportunity to commemorate the victims and celebrate the survivors of domestic violence. This was the first year that the Family



Cpl. Alisha R. Fitzgerald

**Representatives from the Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse recite the poem "I Got Flowers Today," by Paulette Kelly, during the Fifth Annual Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

Advocacy Program helped CODA sponsor the vigil. Henry McMaster, South Carolina's Attorney General, was on hand as the keynote speaker.

"A supreme justice I know once told

me that, in every single murder case she had since 1988, except for one or two, the convicted murderer grew up in a household of domestic violence," said McMaster. "I don't have all the answers,

but I know we need to do more than we've been doing."

McMaster went on to talk about a new "high-quality" seminar that he is helping the South Carolina Bar Association implement that will help better train lawyers to prosecute domestic violence offenders at the magistrate's court level.

Following McMaster, several Lowcountry survivors of domestic violence also had an opportunity to speak out during the memorial program. The Marine Corps Jazz Ensemble provided a musical interlude and CODA and MCCS-SC representatives participated in a poetry reading. The service was closed with the lighting of candles for victims.

Throughout the remainder of the month, Headquarters Marine Corps and MCCS are recommending that Marines and their family members examine their relationships. They are urging individuals to seek out the positive attributes of their relationships instead of focusing on the negative ones.

"This year they're looking at making healthy choices," said John Abney, prevention specialist and family advocacy

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## ERR takes over Prior Service Recruiting Mission

**CPL. THOMAS PERRY**  
*STAFF WRITER*

The Marine Corps' Prior Service Recruiting mission was integrated within the Eastern and Western Recruiting Region's recruiting structure Oct. 1, instantly becoming more cost and mission efficient, as well as providing an overall synergy for the command.

"Prior Service Recruiting is one of the three key components of a Total Force Recruitment concept," said Lt. Col. Art Parker, the regional assistant for Prior Service Recruiting. "The changes consolidate all three recruiting elements — PSR, officer procurement, and enlisted recruiting — under one command, providing an improved information flow between the three elements."

Parker also believes that the integration will inject Marine Corps Reserve expertise into the command, because prior to Oct. 1 there was no Marine Corps Reserve within the command. These Marines will be a lot more informed and better able to advise ERR leadership on Prior Service Recruiting issues.

The third benefit of the integration could possibly be the most important to Marines who are either retiring or separating.

"It is going to improve the Marine Corps transformation process," said Parker. "The last step in

the transformation process — when Marines return to the civilian sector — is where we have been the weakest. The integration will improve that process by improving re-enlistment in the Marine Corps Reserve and better preparing Marines to return to the civilian world."

The Prior Service Recruiting mission involves three aspects.

- Recruit Prior Service Marines for Selected Marine Corps Reserve units, Individual Mobilization Augmentee detachments and the Active Reserve Program.
- Brief separating Marines on reserve obligations and opportunities in the Reserves.
- Upon mobilization and Prior Service Recruiting manpower mission cessation, they augment designated Individual Mobilization Processing Centers.

To accomplish these missions, Prior Service Recruiting employs 37 recruiters, who have a monthly and annual mission similar to the enlisted recruiters, and eight transitional Marines, who educate Marines prior to their transition back to the civilian world.

The integration was designed to benefit every aspect of Prior Service Recruiting.

"These changes will provide an improved efficiency, productivity and quality of PSR recruiters with respect to training and support," said Parker.

### Happy 228th U.S. Navy...



Cpl. Jared Hansen

**Navy personnel present the Navy Ensign and National Colors during the opening ceremony of the 228th Annual Navy Birthday Ball at the Lyceum Saturday. Nearly 300 Sailors from the Tri-Command attended the event, which also featured a cake-cutting ceremony for the oldest and youngest sailors present.**

## WWII-era drill instructors visit ever-changing island

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Tiny Renaker began the World War II Marine Corps Drill Instructors Association 21 years ago hoping to reunite with his Marine brothers with whom he shared the incredible responsibility of preparing America's young boys and men — many still too young to understand what horrors were awaiting them overseas — to fight.

Renaker's group, which was more than 100 strong in 1982, has had fewer and fewer members visit the Depot every year. Only 25 Marines and their wives attended their latest visit, which took place Sept. 29 - Oct. 2.

The loss of good Marines is an unwelcome reality of growing old. They never lose their Devil Dog fervor, but their snap and pop gets a little softer with each of their visits.

This visit was the drill instructors 13th reunion, and unfortunately,

Renaker believes it will be his last. "I'm losing [drill instructors] like we're losing veterans of World War II at a rate of 1,500 per day," said Renaker. "We're losing a lot of men every day."

When asked about the changes on the Depot, they somberly agreed that the physical changes have been wholesale, but they also all agree that one thing remains the same.

"We were just as hard," said Renaker. "We didn't play tiddly-winks with them. We really worked them."

Their dedication and hard work does not go overlooked by those who train the recruits of today.

"We most definitely owe them something," said Maj. Ryan Coughlin, Drill Instructor School director. "They stood up and took charge. Everyone that has come after them is building on what they started."

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Cpl. Thomas Perry

**Lou Michot (left) and Ed Cahill, both World War II-era drill instructors aboard the Depot, revisit their Parris Island past during their tour of Drill Instructor School Oct. 2. Twenty five Marines and their wives attended this year's visit.**